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Aruban-born Windsurfing World Champion Sarah-Quita Offringa again making history



20 year-old Sarah-Quita Offringa, who has been making windsurfing world history since she first turned pro at the age of 12, has another resounding achievement to add to her resume: She is the youngest of a field of 5 men and 4 women to be selected as nominees for the coveted and prestigious ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award 2011.

Considered the "Oscars" of sailing, Sarah-Quita expressed her incredible gratification to simply be among such rarified company by being nominated. She is the first Aruban to be considered for the International Sailing Federation award, and is competing against Dee Caffari (GBR) - Record Breaking Round the World Yachtswoman, Alexandra Rickham (GBR) - ISAF Sailing World Cup Champion and IFDS World Champion, and Anna Tunnicliffe (USA) - ISAF Sailing World Cup Champion.

Only two awards are given for male and female Sailors of the Year.

Sarah-Quita captured the hearts of windsurfers everywhere by being the youngest to ever win a gold medal in 2006 at the age of 15, when she was named "Rookie of the Year" by the Professional Windsurfing Association (PWA.)

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Aruba Green Energy Conference II- "The Green Gateway" - October 27, 28, 29



Jan Ebbing, Minister Winklaar, PM Eman, W. Broeksema and Minister de Meza

Prime Minister Mike Eman along with Minister of Finance, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza and Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooijboer-Winklaar were joined by Jan Ebbing of the TNO at Arikok National Park in announcing the purpose of Aruba's second Green Energy Conference to take place at the Renaissance Convention Center the end of October.

"This conference is focused on delivering the promise of the first Green Energy Conference" Prime Minister Eman told the media on Thursday morning. Specifically, their announced intention last year of doubling Aruba's power production from wind; there are now definitive plans for 10 more wind turbines as now stand at the Vader Piet Wind Park. Secondly, the government signed an MOU with the Aruba Airport Authority and Elmar N.V., the island's dis-

tributor of electricity, for the construction of a Solar Car Park at the Reina Beatrix International Airport, which will provide 5mgw of power. The third promise was the reduction of duties charges on materials for harnessing renewable "clean" energy sources, such as solar panels and windmills.

Of momentous news was the confirmation that a Caribbean branch of the Technical Natural Science Institute

of the Netherlands (TNO)-a not for profit research facility, will be established on Aruba with the proposed name of the Aruba Sustainable Research Institute.

"Many ideas were presented at the last year's conference," commented the Prime Minister, "this year we will elaborate on our plans, which we have worked hard over the past year to see become reality."

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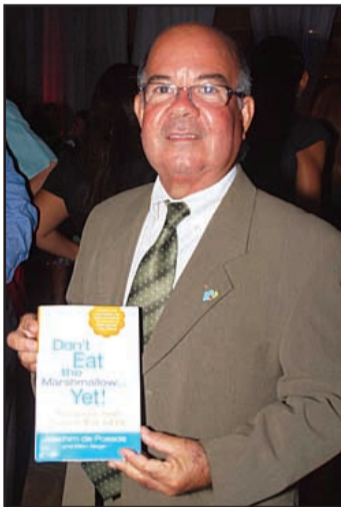
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Aruba travel executives enjoy words of wisdom from Dr. Joachim de Posada on World Tourism Day



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With Jerusha of the ATA

Those fortunate to be invited to the presentation of Aruba's Tourism Policy Plan 2010 and Aruba Marketing Plan during a special event on Tuesday, September 27, World Tourism Day, also had the great plea-

sure of listening to guest speaker Dr. Joachim de Posada. De Posada is author of 3 books, including the best selling "Don't Eat the Marshmallow... Yet!" which was named Best Book of the Month by the NY times in 2005.

After an outline of the plans by Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, and CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, Dr. de Posada took the stage with an entertaining and enlightening lecture. Named by the National Speakers Association in 2009 as one of the "25 Hottest Speakers", Dr. Posada holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, and Masters and Doctorate degrees in Psychology.

He started his talk with an amusing, anecdotal analogy:

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In a world where individuals, companies, industries and countries are competing at every level, these are truly

words to live by for those who seek success personally, for their business, or those who work to market an industry such as tourism, on behalf of their country and community. Dr. Posada's book is based on

the Stanford Marshmallow Experiment conducted by Prof. Walter Mischel testing the theory of a person's ability to delay gratification and its correlation to success in life. The marshmallow test research in-

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Starting a Business Becoming less Burdensome on Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Minister of Economic Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer has recently announced some very positive changes with respect to setting up a new business here. These changes are attractive incentives for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Minister announced a substantial reduction of the tariffs for business permits. This reduction is especially attractive to small businesses. Along with the reduction, the Minister is also revising the process for submitting the request for business permits. The intention is to make the actual process less cumbersome and more efficient.

One of the changes in the process is to eliminate certain documents that were required

for obtaining a business permit. These are documents that typically retard the process and that are not necessarily that relevant to the submission of a request for a permit.

The documents that will be eliminated from the process are the tax declaration that taxes have been paid, proof of registration in the Civil Registry at the Census Bureau (Afls.5). Also to be eliminated is the person's CV (Curriculum Vitae).

One of the goals of the government is to increase efficiency and create the infrastructure for our businesses to continue to grow. This means that we must ensure that business people should have access to capital to be able to continue investing in their businesses,

especially those operating small businesses. In this context, the Minister is giving priority to developing systems whereby businesses can have access to financing. The government is currently working on a micro financing system for small businesses. This system is particularly important for those small business developers or owners who have little or no personal capital and who as a result does not qualify for the normal financing. The new micro financing system will be locked into a special guidance program to ensure that the small business entrepreneur will be able to operate efficiently and effectively.

The efforts of the government with respect to the reductions and new systems have

already begun to pay off. During the first months of the year the government has seen an increase in BBO (sales Tax) revenue of 14% and in wagetax revenue 8%. Import tax on the importation of goods has also increased by 18% and the AZV premium receipts increased by 5%. The drastic reduction in the previously outrageous tariff for business permits sparked a considerable increase in the number of requests for business permits in the first half of the year. The Department of Economic Affairs, Industry and Commerce registered 475 petitions for business permits in the first half of 2011 compared to 368 in the same period in 2010. This is an increase of 29%!

With respect to container

traffic, this year there were 965 container activity, which is an increase of 15% compared to 2010. In the tourism sector, Aruba received 24 thousand more stay over tourists and 37 thousand more cruise tourists this year compared to 2010.

According to the government, all in all Aruba is on the right track with a projection of a 10.6% economic growth for 2011. According to regional reports, the economic panorama in the rest of region is experiencing serious economic setbacks and some are happy with a mere 1 to 2% growth.

The Aruba government is doing everything possible to continue this growth trend here, but they need, according to the Minister, all the support and cooperation of everyone.



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Mike de Meza shows off Niagra Eco Kit

He was also very pleased to announce that after the groundbreaking acquisition of Former Vice President Al Gore as last year's Keynote Speaker,

this year they can again offer a guest speaker of exceptional note, Dutch Crown Prince, Willem-Alexander, who will close the conference during the afternoon session on October 29.

Dr. Wubbo Ockels, former ESA astronaut and currently professor of Aerospace and Sustainable Energy and Technology at the Technical University of Delft will return to Aruba as a presenter; he was the opening speaker at last year's conference. A cadre of noted scientists, educators and legislators with particular interest in renewable energy are confirmed and tentatively scheduled for the upcoming event, a full list can be found on their website: <http://www.greenaruba.org>.

Minister de Meza commented on how appropriate the circumstances of making the announcement in the shadow of the windmill and solar panel that powers the Arikok National Park Visitor's Center, a practical example of the vision and mission of the current administration to establish Aruba as the regional leader in "green energy." This year's conference is planned to be a practical demonstration that the goals proposed last year can be achieved, and provide practical means as to how the community can be a part of the solution of reducing carbon emissions and taking Aruba on the path of being entirely fuel oil independent.

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Sarah-Quita with brother Quincy and Mom Esther

For two more years she was ranked second in the world, and then in 2008 set a new record, having just turned 17, of being the youngest female world champion on record, when she dominated the podium in the freestyle competitions.

Since then, she has claimed the Women's Windsurfing World Champion Freestyle title every year, remaining undefeated in all her competitive heats. This year, she worked hard on winning at slalom as well, and claimed the Women's World Champion Slalom title, which the ISAF describes as "no mean feat."

"Sarah-Quita Offringa is an inspiration for young athletes and has been a driving force behind a new school of women's freestyle windsurfing. She has supreme athletic ability and talent and is a real ambassador for the sport of sailing," states ISAF.

The winners of the ISAF Rolex Sailor of the Year Award will be selected by the ISAF



ISAF sailor of the year award

Member National Authorities (MNA's), the national governing bodies for sailing around the world, who will now vote for one male and one female nominee who they believe most deserves the award.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner on Tuesday, November 8 at the Barrio Ballajá in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Winners will receive an impressive trophy and a distinctive Rolex timepiece.

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In honor of World Animal Day Yeegah! Party is this weekend at Philip's Animal Garden!

Alto Vista 116 – With World Animal day only a few days away, Philip's Animal Garden will be celebrating this weekend with two days of fun-filled activities for the whole family. On Saturday, the 1st of October, and Sunday, the 2nd of October, the animal sanctuary and rehabilitation center, located at Alto Vista 116, will once again be throwing its popular Yeegah! Party.

Visitors are invited to get up close and personal with over 52 different species of animals, including several exotic birds, a Capuchin Monkey, Nigerian Dwarf Goat, Burmese Python, Alpaca, Pot-Bellied Pigs, Ocelot, Caiman and much more. Both kids and adults will enjoy the chance to feed some of the sanctuary's inhabitants, while a number of activities are sure to please the little ones, including pony rides, carriage rides, face painting, a bouncy castle and popular games. Also sure to be fun will be the horseback riding, but if you don't know how to ride a horse, don't worry, as classes will teach participants all about riding horses, from saddling them up to getting up and down from the horses.

The entrance fee for the "Yeegah" party will be only 3 Aruban florins per person, and all money raised during the event will go to the care of the animals and the maintenance of the sanctuary, which is now bigger than ever. Visitors will have a chance to win some great door prizes, including an iPod Touch and many more prizes and surprises. Naturally, the bar and kitchen will be well stocked, ready to serve any hungry or thirsty visitors.

See you this weekend at Philip's Animal Garden!

Aruba travel executives enjoy words of wisdom...

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653 participants were tested to assess their intelligence, academic achievement, behaviors, and other traits, a process seeking correlation with the Marshmallow Test conducted when they were 4 years old, which continued until individuals were in their late thirties.

Dr. Posada is the author of two other books, "Don't Gobble the Marshmallow...Ever: The secret to sweet success in times of change," and "How to Sur-

vive among Piranhas." His talk for World Tourism Day deployed entertaining videos and he is very adept at capturing his audience's attention and involving them in his subject matter.

The few dozen copies of his book available for sale after his lecture were snapped up by the impressed gathering. Dr. Posada has been a guest of the ATA on four prior occasions, and he can always be counted on to bring practical insights to his listeners.

On Tuesday morning he lectured at Aruba's EPI middle school of Tourism and Hospitality Management to Aruba's tourism executives of the future, and had high praise for their concentration and dedication. He took note that during a two hour lecture he had their full attention, "Not a single one left the room to use the bathroom or chatted with their neighbor, they gave me their complete attention. This speaks

very well for those who will be working in Aruba's tourism industry in the future," he said.

At the finish of his talk, he was presented with a gift by Sanju Luidens-Daryanani of the ATA, and accommodated his fans by inscribing his books. Dr. de Posada's maintains a number of websites: www.askjoachim.com, www.jdeposada.com and www.marshmallow-principle.com

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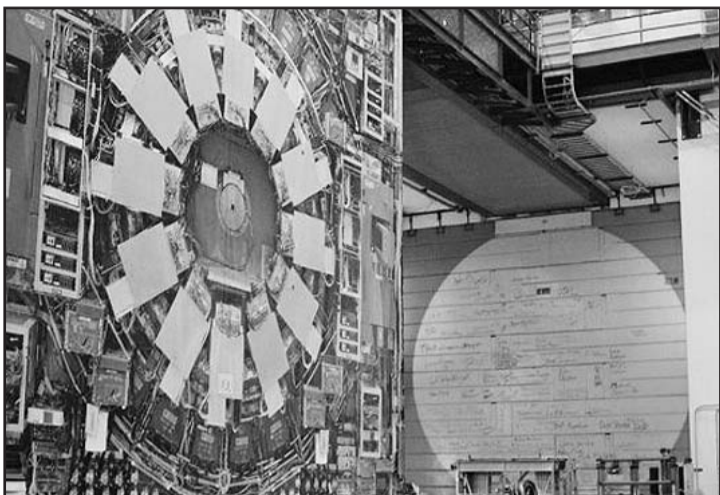
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International News

Major US atom-smasher closes after 25 years



A life-sized photo of the Tevatron particle accelerator's detector hangs from a beam near a wall-sized door bearing the signatures of those who built it on a circle at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory on September 22.

CHICAGO, (AFP) - A powerful US atom-smasher that was the world's biggest particle collider for nearly a quarter-century closed forever on Friday, solidifying Europe's place as the world leader in physics.

The Tevatron began its collider work in 1985, as part of the US Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, and its shutdown comes at a tough time for budget-squeezed US science and space programs.

Tevatron has been overtaken by a more powerful atom smasher -- the world's largest -- the Large Hadron Collider, built on the French-Swiss border by the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN), a consortium of 20 member nations.

But in its day, the Tevatron made some major contributions, including the identification of the top quark in 1995 and the discovery in 2000 of the tau neutrino, an elusive piece of the Standard Model of Physics.

Now the only part of the Standard Model left to identify is the Higgs-Boson particle

which, if it exists, is believed to give objects mass. The Tevatron helped physicists narrow down where it might be, but could not find it.

The Tevatron, which cost about \$50 million per year to operate, also led to a host of more concrete advances, chief among them the widespread use of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines for medical diagnosis.

A Fermilab spokeswoman said there are no layoffs directly tied to the shutdown.

American physicists will now concentrate on more precise -- and less expensive -- questions at home and work with CERN on high-energy projects like the search for the Higgs-Boson, sometimes called the "God" particle.

The Tevatron has made "significant contributions to our understanding of the building blocks of the universe and how they work and fit together," said Pier Oddone, director of the Fermi Laboratory, at the closing ceremony.

New York police on alert after Awlaqi killing

NEW YORK, (AFP) - The New York City police chief said Friday that his force was on alert following the killing in Yemen of US-born Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awlaqi, acknowledging his sympathizers might seek revenge.

"We know al-Awlaqi had followers in the United States, including New York City, and for that reason we remain alert to the possibility that someone might want to avenge his death," police commissioner Ray Kelly said in a statement.

Kelly called Awlaqi's killing a "welcome, signature event."

"Having transformed the regional Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula into a terrorist organization with global reach, he targeted Americans like no

other, and he was a powerful recruiter of terrorists in the United States," said Kelly.

Yemen's defense ministry said Awlaqi, an Al-Qaeda leader, was killed Friday morning, while a man wounded in the attack was quoted as saying seven people were killed in the air strike in Marib province, a hotbed of Al-Qaeda activity.

The ministry said among those killed was Pakistani-American Samir Khan, who Kelly said was the publisher of Al-Qaeda's English-language magazine "Inspire."

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US 'deeply concerned' about Iran crackdown on rights

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said Friday it was "deeply troubled" over reports that Iran has jailed a leading reformist, as US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton raised concern about repression in Iran.

Kalame.com, the website of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, reported Thursday that Iran has sentenced reformist and former member of parliament Mohsen Armin to six years in jail.

Armin is a senior member of the Organization of Mujahideen of the Islamic Revolution, which was banned by the hardline authorities in 2010.

The authorities in the Islamic republic rounded up scores of opposition campaigners, journalists and human rights activists following the disputed 2009 election that secured a second term for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The chief US diplomat expressed particular concern about the case of Iranian pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, who faces the death penalty after having refused to renounce Christianity for Islam.

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International News

Radical US-born cleric Awlaqi killed in Yemen



SANAA, (AFP) - US-born Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awlaqi, an Al-Qaeda leader suspected of involvement in attacks on the United States, was killed in an air strike in Yemen on Friday in what President Barack Obama hailed as a "major blow" to the terror group.

In Sanaa, the defence ministry said without elaborating that Awlaqi was killed on Friday morning, but one man wounded in the attack was quoted as saying a total of seven people were killed in the strike in Marib province, a hotbed of Al-Qaeda activity.

The ministry, which announced the deaths, said that among those killed was Pakistani-American Samir Khan. US monitoring service SITE Intelligence Group says he was a contributor to Al-Qaeda's English-language magazine "Inspire."

Speaking in Washington, Obama said "the death of

Awlaqi is a major blow to Al-Qaeda's most active operational affiliate. (It) marks another significant milestone in the broader effort to defeat Al-Qaeda and its affiliates."

Obama said that while the organisation was weakened, it was still dangerous, and the United States would remain vigilant.

Tribal sources told AFP Awlaqi was killed in what was likely to have been an American air strike on two vehicles in Marib.

In April 2010, a US official said the Obama administration had authorised the targeted killing of Awlaqi after intelligence agencies concluded the cleric was directly involved in anti-US plots.

One of the tribal sources quoted Khamis Saleh Arfaj as saying he was hosting the group at his house when the attack occurred.

He said they were seated on the ground outside eating a meal when a first strike hit.

The men rushed to their vehicles to flee, and the lead vehicle, with Awlaqi aboard, was destroyed in a second strike.

Arfaj, who was following in a second vehicle and was lightly wounded, said they "were killed instantly from a direct missile hit to their pick-up" truck.

He said his brother, Salem,

was in the same vehicle with Awlaqi and also died.

In addition to Awlaqi and Salem Arfaj, he said the others killed were Samir Khan, two unnamed Saudis and a local tribesman, and a man named Mohammed Mosen al-Naaj.

The tribal source said he suspected they died in an American drone strike, saying: "US planes have been flying overhead for days now."

Earlier this month, The Washington Post said the United States was building an array of secret new drone bases to conduct strikes against Al-Qaeda targets in both Yemen and Somalia.

Yemeni authorities officially deny the use of drones against Al-Qaeda targets in their country, saying Washington provides only logistical support to Sanaa's fight against extremists.

In Washington, there was no confirmation from officials that the strike was carried out by US forces.

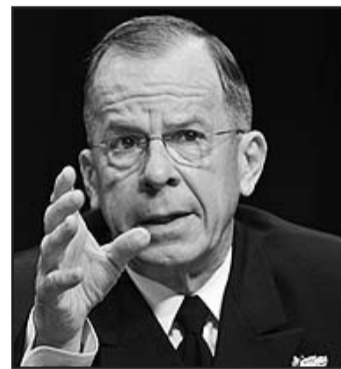
The top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, Adam Smith, said Awlaqi "will no longer be able to propagate hatred and manipulate impressionable youth to take up arms against the United States and our allies."

Awlaqi was a US-Yemeni citizen born in New Mexico and who had eluded capture for years.

A charismatic preacher and fluent in English, he was seen as having the unique ability to recruit Al-Qaeda operatives in the West.

US intelligence officials believe he was linked to a US army major charged with shooting dead 13 people in Fort Hood, Texas, and to a Nigerian student accused of trying to blow up a US airliner on December 25, 2009.

No Afghanistan solution without Pakistan: Mullen



WASHINGTON (AFP) - There can be no solution to the conflict in Afghanistan without Pakistan, the top US military officer, Admiral Mike Mullen, said Friday as he stepped down from his post.

"I continue to believe that there is no solution in the region without Pakistan, and no stable future in the region without a partnership," Mullen said at a ceremony to handover to the incoming chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey.

Last week Mullen accused Pakistan of exporting violence to Afghanistan through proxies and charged that the Haqqani network, an Al-Qaeda-linked group, was a "veritable arm" of Pakistani intelligence.

His comments triggered new tensions with Washington's uneasy ally, Islamabad, with Pakistani leaders closing ranks against US pressure for action against the Haqqanis and refusing to be pressured into doing more in the war on terror.

Mullen also told Dempsey at the ceremony at Fort Myers in Virginia that "his biggest challenge is going to be Afghanistan" where more than 100,000 American troops are due to hand over responsibility for security to Afghan forces by the end of 2014.



A member of the media takes a look at a Bluecar, an electric powered car made by French company Bolloré, at a media presentation in Vaucresson, west of Paris, yesterday Sept. 30, 2011. The Bluecars have a range of 250km, 155 miles, in urban use, a maximum speed of 130km/h, 80 miles per hour, and will be available in the streets of Paris under the name of Autolib. The four-seat Bluecars are to be positioned at 1,200 stations in metropolitan Paris and will be available around the clock. Users must have a valid driver's license and pay a subscription fee to borrow one of the vehicles.

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Health & Living

Dengue fever infects over 12,000 in Pakistan



A Pakistani nurse treats a patient suffering from dengue fever lying on a bed under netting at a hospital in Lahore.

LAHORE (AFP) - Pakistan now faces a new menace from an unprecedented outbreak of the deadly tropical disease dengue fever.

In less than a month, 126 people have died and more than 12,000 have been diagnosed with the virus, which

has spread rapidly among both rich and poor in Pakistan's cultural capital Lahore.

Dengue affects between 50 and 100 million people in the tropics and subtropics each year, resulting in fever, muscle and joint ache.

But it can also be fatal, de-

veloping into haemorrhagic fever and shock syndrome, which is characterised by bleeding and a loss of blood pressure.

Pakistani authorities in Lahore have blamed the crisis on prolonged monsoon rains and unusually high seasonal temperatures.

But furious locals say the outbreak is yet another example of government inefficiency, citing a failure to take preventive measures to kill off the mosquitos and lengthy power cuts.

Of the more than 11,584 people afflicted, 10,244 come from Lahore alone, the provincial capital of Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province and the country's political heartland.

Canada's top court rules to keep drug injection site open

OTTAWA, (AFP) - Canada's top court on Friday ordered the federal health minister to allow North America's first government-sanctioned drug injection facility in Vancouver's seamy Downtown Eastside to remain open.

The InSite clinic in one of Canada's poorest neighborhoods is the only place on the continent where addicts can receive medical supervision as they inject heroin illegally bought on the street.

The facility was established in September 2003 in response to a rash of drug overdoses and is operated by a non-profit organization under a special exemption from federal drug trafficking and possession laws.

The federal health minister's decision in 2008 not to

renew the exemption led to a court fight pitting enforcement of federal drug laws against medical studies claiming InSite saves lives.

The Supreme Court ruled that the province of British Columbia may not offer health services that breach federal drug laws.

However, it added the health minister's decision to deny an exemption for InSite to operate had violated the rights of heroine addicts to access health services and counselling at the facility, "threatening their health and indeed their lives."

The decision also opens the door for more safe injection sites to be set up in cities across Canada coping with rising drug addiction.

Pressure forces teens to 'sext': Australian study

SYDNEY, (AFP) - Teenagers are under pressure to send nude photos of themselves and other sexual images from their mobile phones as "sexting" becomes more widespread, new Australian research shows.

Melbourne University researcher Shelley Walker said her study showed that young people felt they needed to "sext" to fit in because it had become a "behaviour that has become more normalised in their world".

"It's not a surprise that young women talk about and experience pressure from boys. There's a pressure that girls experience from boyfriends mainly but also from boys they don't necessarily know," Walker told AFP on Friday.

"Then there's the pressure that young men talked about -- the pressure to be sending images out, to have the images on their phone.

Walker, who discussed her preliminary findings at the Australasian Sexual Health Conference in Canberra, said sexting typically occurred

when a boy asked his girlfriend for a nude photo of herself.

But it included a range of behaviour including a boy sending a girlfriend an image of his penis and videos of sexual acts.

Walker said young people discussed their friends holding onto these images for blackmail or posting them on social networking site Facebook or publishing them on publicly viewed websites.

Walker interviewed 15

males and 18 females aged 15 to 20 for her research and found they all felt a highly sexualised media culture was bombarding them with sexual images, creating a pressure to engage in sexting.

She said the phenomenon had become a focus of much media reporting, but there was little research engaging the views of teenagers on the issue, in a country in which 90 percent of Australians aged 15 to 17 own a mobile phone.



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Sci-Tech

Zany scientists honored in alternative Nobels

NEW YORK (AFP) - In the ultimate accolade for the world's mad scientists, spoof Nobel prizes were awarded this for studies into beetle sex, turtles yawning, the desperation of people dying to urinate and other daffy investigations.

The annual Ig Nobel prizes, now in their 21st year, were given at Harvard University in front of 1,200 spectators, with real Nobel Prize winners handing out the honors.

To win, scientists must "first make people laugh, and then make them think," according to the Ig Nobel ethos.

The biology prize -- often a good source of humor at the Igs -- went to Darryl Gwynne of Canada, Australia and the United States, and David Rentz of Australia, for their groundbreaking paper titled: "Beetles on the Bottle: Male Buprestids Mistake Stubbs

For Females."

Which to the layman translates as: beetles tragically attempting to mate with an Australian beer bottle.

Several prizes delved into the extremes of human behavior under stress.

Take, for example, the medicine prize, won by a Dutch-Belgian-Australian team with "Inhibitory Spillover," a probe into the age-old challenge of needing to pee at a busy moment.

The team investigated why "people make better decisions about some kinds of things -- but worse decisions about other kinds of things, when they have a strong urge to urinate," the awards citation said.

Research into the psychology and physiology prizes must have been a great deal less stressful.

The former went to a Uni-

versity of Oslo professor who looked at "why, in everyday life, people sigh?"

The second concerned yawning in red-footed tortoises. For those who've been wondering, the British-Dutch-Hungarian-Austrian team has finally established that there is "no evidence of contagious yawning" in the creatures.

The mathematics prize was awarded jointly to six academics who over the years have emphatically predicted the end of the world, and are still around to hear of their mock-honor. The citation thanked them "for teaching the world to be careful when making mathematical assumptions."

Of course, the last laugh might be on Ig Nobels, because one of those mathematics laureates still believes life will end on October 21 this year.

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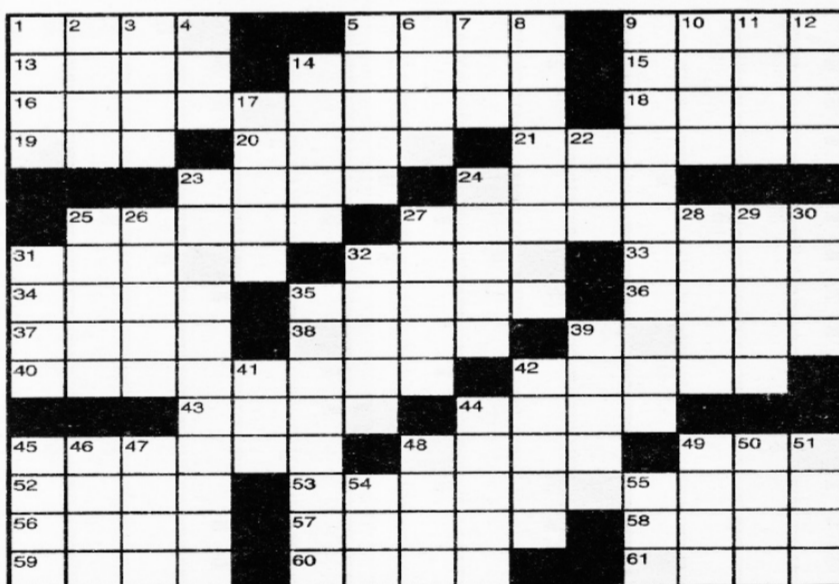
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ACROSS

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5. Farm yield
9. Patriot target
13. Air
14. Stadium
15. Small opening
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18. Fashion
19. Negative vote
20. Poetic contractions
21. Zeniths
23. Angry
24. Voracious seabird
25. Daddy
27. Baseball players, at times
31. Assaying container
32. Jacques's father
33. Type of school: abbr.
34. Pot builder
35. Itsy land mass
36. Protected, at sea
37. "I Got You Babe," for one
38. Leading light on Broadway?
39. Sisal and yucca family
40. Body shop tool
42. Vital sign
43. Ancient ointment
44. Eliot's Adam
45. Pampas cowboy
48. Cassandra, e.g.
49. "Swinging ____ Star"
52. Allergic reaction
53. Bad person to invite to a party

DOWN

1. "Star Trek" phaser setting
2. Bluefin or bonito
3. Richter or Rooney
4. Hive insect
5. 100 lacs
6. Guns the engine
7. Ace, sometimes
8. Pet-shop bird
9. Skiing
10. Gently persuade
11. Force onward
12. Pretty awful grades
14. Acid
17. Lubricate again
22. Coin of Afghanistan
23. Final resource, at sea
24. Wailer in the night
25. Dawn
26. More fitting
27. Inmate, often
28. Fitzgerald et al.
29. "Superman" surname
30. Pirate created by J.M. Barrie
31. Dishonorable
32. Alias: abbr.
35. Troublesome toenail, e.g.
39. Actress Lindley of "The Ropers"
41. Exclamation of derision
42. De-skins a banana
44. '40s jazz style
45. Cleans, as fish
46. At the peak
47. Heather Locklear's alma mater
48. Mix
49. Gumbo pod
50. "Old Curiosity Shop" heroine
51. Bohr's bit
54. Big Band ____
55. Catch



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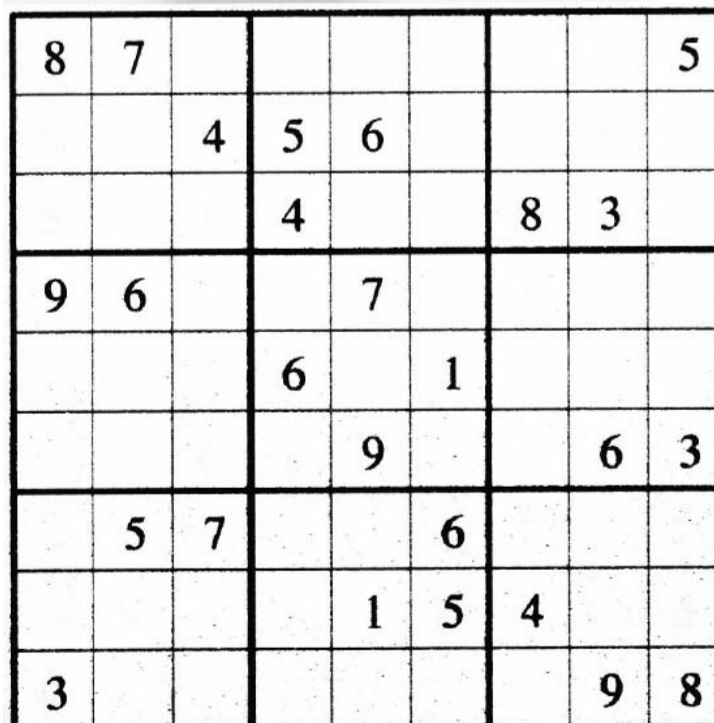
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7	5	1	8	2	7	9	6	3
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Finance

World's governments piling up currency reserves



WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Countries are piling up currency reserves at a pace of nearly 20 percent a year in an environment of low interest rates and high uncertainty, International Monetary Fund figures showed Friday.

Global official foreign exchange reserves at the end of the second quarter of this year hit \$10.08 trillion, 19.8 percent up from \$8.99 trillion a year earlier, and 3.9 percent higher than the previous quarter, according to the IMF.

World export power China was the main accumulator of foreign reserves, increasing its rainy-day fund to \$3.197 trillion by June, \$743 billion or 30.2 percent higher than a year earlier, according to Beijing's figures.

Emerging and developing economies together, includ-

ing China, added \$1.358 trillion to their reserves in the year to June, up 24.7 percent in the year.

Advanced economies, many of them suffering high deficits and weak growth, boosted their reserves by 10.4 percent, or \$306 billion.

For the countries which disclose the composition of their reserves -- slightly over half the total, and not including China -- the US dollar fell in weighting over the year to June, to 60.2 percent from 62.6 percent.

The euro rose to 26.7 percent from 26.2 percent. There were slight increases in the percent of holdings in Japanese yen and British pounds, while the "other currencies" category rose to 4.86 percent of the total from 3.76 percent.

Food stamp 'challenge' lays bare hard times in US

BALTIMORE, (AFP) - A record 45 million Americans are now living on food stamps, a weekly stipend from the US government that helps them make ends meet in hard times.

For everyone else, there's the Food Stamp Challenge, thrown down by anti-hunger activists in the industrial port city of Baltimore to lay bare the reality of living on the poverty line.

Participants each get \$30 -- the average food stamp benefit in the East Coast state -- to buy groceries for a week, after which they are invited to blog about their experience.

Participating earlier this month, Demeroto set off for

the supermarket with chili con carne -- a relatively cheap dish to prepare -- on her mind, "because I don't believe I'm going to have money to buy chicken."

Nearly one in six Americans draw food stamps from a scheme run by the Department of Agriculture that is officially called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

Its history goes back to the early 1940s and the introduction of the Food Stamp Program, which used real stamps which have since been replaced by an electronic bank card.

With the onset of recession,

the ranks of beneficiaries have exploded from 28 million in 2008, and has leaped again by 10 percent since last year. The cost of the program has doubled since 2007 from \$33 billion to \$68 billion.

The figures reflect those of the Census Bureau, another federal government agency, which found that 46.2 million Americans lived in poverty last year, or 15.1 percent of the population -- the highest level in 52 years.

Eligibility for food stamps depends on a household's income and savings, and the benefits can be used only at designated supermarkets like Santoni's in Baltimore.



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the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during play-offs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

Parents Guide to Skin Protection



It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

screen that is not waterproof.

- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.



Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.

- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sun-

- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

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Tutu disappointed by Dalai Lama visa reaction

- (AFP) Pressure mounted Friday on a reluctant South Africa to grant Tibet's spiritual leader a visa as a disappointed Desmond Tutu said he expects his 80th birthday gift will be "no Dalai Lama".

The retired archbishop had invited his fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate and close friend to give an inaugural peace lecture on October 8 as part of a three-day programme to celebrate his birthday.

But he said he believed South Africa, which barred his entry two years ago over fears of angering trade partner China, was holding off an announcement to avoid negative criticism.

"I think my birthday gift is

going to be: no Dalai Lama," Tutu told the weekly Mail&Guardian.

"It's unlikely that they'll give him a visa. If they were going to, they would have done so already. I think they're going to hold on so there's little time for people to get nasty against the government. It's sad."

Civil rights groups, including Tutu's Peace Centre, on Friday launched a campaign urging the government to immediately grant the Dalai Lama permission to travel to South Africa and will hold a night vigil on Monday.

"We are embarrassed by the decision and conduct of the South African government -- which is reminiscent of

apartheid South Africa," they state in a petition to be submitted to President Jacob Zuma.

Pretoria has refused to say if it will allow the Dalai Lama after its 2009 ban caused an outcry. The issue was not mentioned in a statement Friday after Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe wrapped up his trip to China.

His birthday celebrations start Thursday with the launch of a new biography, followed by a public church service the next day. The Dalai Lama is slated to give a lecture at the Peace Centre on Friday to wrap up events.

Human Rights Watch urged South Africa to grant the visa.

Double Whammy for Mr. David Randolph



Recently, Mr. David Randolph visited the Palm Beach Casino in The Westin Aruba Resort, and after playing the "Tabasco" slot machines for a while he hit the jackpot, winning US\$2,500. Mr. Randolph likes to play "the slots," especially after winning in such a short time! He continued playing and voila!, he hit the jackpot again, this time on the "Double Wild" slot machine. His winnings: US\$6,000. Mr. Randolph was such a high spirits, remarking that "Palm Beach Casino is my place to play." Palm Beach casino encourages visitors to become a member of their Players Club and participate in their very attractive promotion for the month of October.



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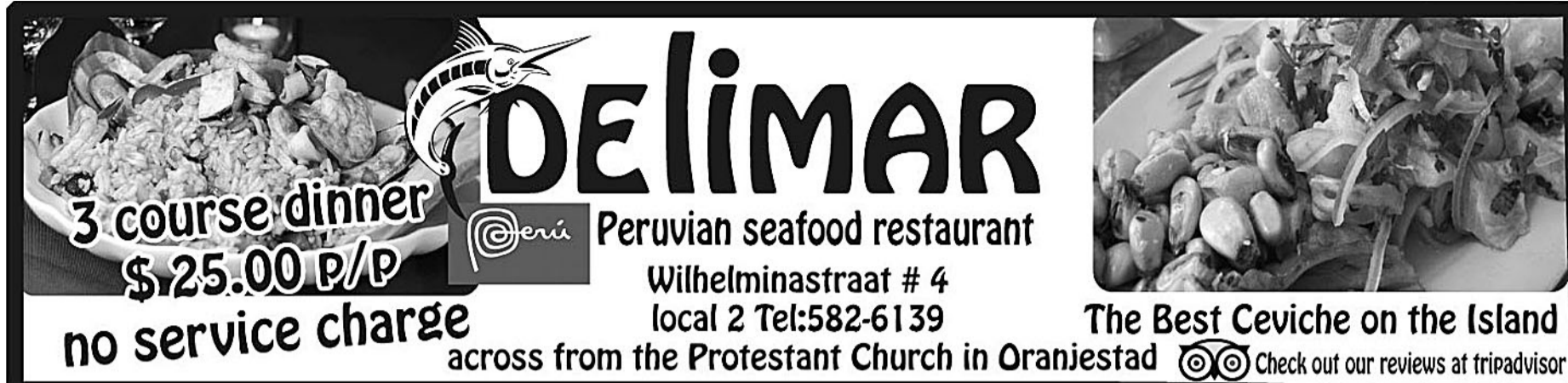
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Teen phenom Thompson to join LPGA



Teenager Lexi Thompson, pictured here on September 18.

DAYTONA BEACH (AFP) - Teenager Lexi Thompson will play full-time on the LPGA tour next season after the women's golf circuit approved her request to waive the minimum age requirement.

Thompson, 16, filed her petition on Thursday and LPGA commissioner Mike Whan approved it on Friday, so that Thompson won't have to wait until she's 18 to become a member of the tour.

Thompson has already made LPGA history, becoming the youngest winner of a tour event with her triumph in the Navistar Classic in Prattville, Alabama, in September.

The home-taught US high school senior, who had already turned pro, captured a \$195,000 top prize and shattered the youngest win mark of 18 years and two weeks set by Marlene Hagge at the 18-hole Sarasota Open in 1952.

"Lexi Thompson is a

unique talent who has continued to grow, develop and mature both on and off the golf course since turning professional in 2010," Whan said.

"Her overall performance,

most recently demonstrated by her win at the Navistar LPGA Classic, has currently placed her among the top 50 in the world on the Rolex Rankings.

"Additionally, her ability to handle the success and disappointment inherent to this game testifies to a level of maturity that I believe makes her capable of handling the emotional rigors of professional golf.

"Therefore, effective at the start of our 2012 season, Lexi will officially become a member of the LPGA Tour."

Thompson is eligible for the LPGA's season finale in November, while her tour membership will start with the 2012 season.

Fleetwood grabs share of Dunhill lead



Tommy Fleetwood, pictured here in 2009.

ST. ANDREWS (AFP) - Tommy Fleetwood grabbed a share of the lead at the Dunhill Links Championship on Friday to leave himself on course for a rare double this weekend.

The 20-year-old from Merseyside has been plying his trade on Europe's second tier Challenge Tour this year, where he claimed £55,000 in winnings earlier this month with victory in the Kazakhstan Open.

However a nine-under-par 63 at Kingsbarns on Friday has left Fleetwood in the frame to pocket nearly 10 times that amount with roughly £505,000 on offer to the winner of the Dunhill.

Fleetwood's superb round included nine birdies and no bogeys to leave him at 12 under par for the tournament, joining Northern Ireland's Michael Hoey (66) at the top of the leaderboard.

Fleetwood, a former English amateur champion and Walker Cup player who only turned pro last year, said he

was playing without pressure following his win in Kazakhstan which secured his European Tour card next season.

Whether Fleetwood manages to hold his nerve over the weekend in the Pro-Am event remains to be seen.

Former Open champion Louis Oosthuizen, who lifted the Claret Jug at St Andrews in 2010, is one off the lead after shooting a 67 at Carnoustie on Friday following his opening 66 at Kingsbarns.

Germany's Martin Kaymer is also lurking menacingly, three shots off the lead on nine-under after carding a 67. Lee Westwood and Rory McIlroy are two shots back on seven-under after carding 67s.

One of the richest tournaments on the European Tour, the Alfred Dunhill Links is played over three different courses at St Andrews, Carnoustie and Kingsbarns before a cut whittles the field down for Sunday's final round at St Andrews.

Ribery fails in book ban bid



French international footballer Franck Ribery, pictured here on September 27

PARIS (AFP) - French international footballer Franck Ribery on Friday failed in his bid to ban a non-authorized biography "The Hidden Face of Franck Ribery".

"The judge said there was no precedent, in other words he rejected our demand," the Bayern Munich star's lawyer Carlo-Alberto Brusa told AFP.

Ribery's legal team wanted the book banned and argued that it infringed the player's image rights as it carried a photograph of him, to which he has the rights, on the front cover.

"We have won, the book is not banned," said a spokesman for publishing company Editions.

The 28-year-old Ribery, who was also ordered to pay 3,000 euros in costs to the publishers, was placed under investigation in 2010 for his involvement in an alleged under-age call-girl scandal.

His lawyers said they will appeal Friday's decision.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Power, Franchitti repeating IndyCar title fight



SPARTA (AFP) - Australian Will Power leads Scotsman Dario Franchitti in the season title fight entering the penultimate race of the IndyCar season just as he did a year ago when he settled for second-best.

Power wants to flip the script this year and can take a major step to taking his first IndyCar title with a victory in Sunday's Kentucky Indy 300, a 200-lap showdown over the 1.5-mile Kentucky Speedway oval.

"The person who has the most pressure on them is the person who puts it on themselves," Power said.

"It's taxing if you think about it, but you just think about the job at hand. In the last five races, I haven't thought about points at all.

I've just gone out and done my job as best I possibly could."

Power has 15 career IndyCar triumphs but only one, last June at Texas, was on an oval course while three-time IndyCar season champion Franchitti has won 15 of his 30 IndyCar victories on ovals.

"I can't control what other people do and I can't control what happens during a race," Power said. "You have to have gone through it one or two times to understand how you need to be mentally. Last year was definitely that.

"To me, it's just another two races. The key is to finish ahead of (Franchitti) in both of them. It's as simple as that."

Power has 542 points to 531 for Franchitti and 483 for third-place Scott Dixon of

New Zealand, who remains in the title hunt.

Last year, Power led Franchitti by 17 points with two races remaining, by 12 entering the final race and in the end lost by five points after a crash forced him out in 25th position.

"Pressure is part of this job," Franchitti said. "I know what I have to do.

"It's going to be an interesting couple of weeks. You're not racing one or two guys, you're racing the whole field."

Franchitti had been leading Power in the points chase until an eighth-place finish in Japan while the Aussie was finishing second to Dixon.

Bologna president hopeful over Bryant deal



ROME (AFP) - Bologna president Claudio Sabatini says he is hopeful a deal can be worked out to bring NBA superstar Kobe Bryant to Italy despite the two parties remaining a way apart over economic matters.

Bologna have made an offer to the 33-year-old in the hope of bringing him to the club either for a handful of matches or for the whole season should the NBA lock-out continue.

And while Sabatini acknowledges their original offer was some way off Bryant's financial expectations, he believes a deal can be reached.

Bryant spoke to La Gazzetta dello Sport and gave encouraging signs as to his interest in such a move.

"It's very possible and that's good news for me. Italy is my home, it's where my dream of playing in the NBA was born.

Bryant spent eight formative years in Italy while his father played over here following the end of his own NBA career with the Houston Rockets.

Bryant speaks fluent Italian and says he wants to buy a house in the country.

But it is his stated ambition to play in Italy that has pleased Sabatini.

"Everyone agrees that Bryant's arrival would give confidence to and provide a huge boost to Italian basketball."

The championship starts on October 9. We're hoping for a reply which will be close to a precise proposal with a contract that requires just the signatures from both parties," said Sabatini.

No laughing matter as Bills, Lions shine

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The Bills, trying for their first 4-0 start since a 2008 season that ended at 7-9, intercepted New England's Tom Brady four times last week in the victory fightback.

Brady has 1,327 passing yards in three games, the most by any quarterback over such a span in NFL history, breaking by 70 yards the mark by Drew Brees from 2006.

The Patriots have not lost back-to-back games since 2009 as they travel to Oak-

land to face a division-leading Raiders team that thumped the Jets last week.

Sunday's other games include New Orleans at Jacksonville, Washington at St. Louis, Tennessee at Cleveland, Atlanta at Seattle, Miami at San Diego, the New York Jets at Baltimore, the New York Giants at Arizona, Pittsburgh at Houston, Carolina at Chicago, Minnesota at Kansas City and San Francisco at Philadelphia with Indianapolis at Tampa Bay on Monday.



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No laughing matter as Bills, Lions shine



BUFFALO (AFP) - The Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions, once American football's laughing stocks, enter the fourth week of the NFL season undefeated and undeniably the surprise teams of the young season.

From either end of Lake Erie, these Canadian-border city clubs are thrilling their long-suffering supporters and at 3-0 are both making a strong bid for their first playoff berths since 1999.

"We don't need to have ticker-tape parades over regular-season wins," Lions coach Jim Schwartz said. "We need to play better."

Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick has sparked the Bills to comeback triumphs over New England and Oakland, becoming the first club in NFL history to win back-to-back games after trailing in each by at least 18 points.

"We're trying to make a name for ourselves. We're trying to make a name for our team," Fitzpatrick said. "I don't have any doubt that we're going to have a good season and I'm going to lead the team to a lot of wins."

The Lions, sharing the NFC North division lead with reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay, visit Dallas (2-1) on Sunday while the Bills, one game atop New England and the New York Jets in the AFC East, travel to Cincinnati (1-2).

Green Bay, living up to high expectations, will try to remain unbeaten as well by playing host to Denver (1-2).

Buffalo has not won more than nine games in a season since 1999; for the Lions, it was 1995.

Last November, the Bills

beat Detroit in the ninth week of the season for their first triumph of the season while the Lions broke their club record for consecutive road defeats at 25, a mark that would grow to 26 before it ended.

The Lions have not lost since snapping that record 26-game road losing streak last December.

"I think if you go down to our locker room after each of these three weeks, there's nobody that felt that we played our best football yet," Schwartz said.

And this is a team that has endured a decade of losing seasons and is only three years removed from the worst campaign in NFL history at 0-16.

Detroit's Calvin Johnson is the first player with two receiving touchdowns in each of his team's first three games of a season.

The Lions, who have never played in a Super Bowl, rallied from a 20-point deficit to win last week at Minnesota, the greatest second-half comeback in team history, and reached 3-0 for the first time since 1980.

They face a Dallas team that could not find the end zone against previously unbeaten Washington last Monday but managed six field goals in an 18-16 triumph with an attack directed by Tony Romo, a quarterback nursing broken ribs.

The Cowboys have played nine games in a row that have been decided by three or fewer points, an NFL record that began after a home win last year over Detroit, and have gone 5-4 in that span.

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Zvonareva, Radwanska reach Pan Pacific final

TOKYO (AFP) - Russia's Vera Zvonareva overcame a nightmare start in her Pan Pacific Open semi-final Friday, recovering strongly to power past Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová in straight sets.

Zvonareva, struggling with her serve, trailed 0-4 to her Czech opponent in the first set before battling back

to win a tie-break then romping through the second set without losing a game to seal a 7-6 (7/2), 6-0 victory.

In the final today, Zvonareva will take on Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, who defeated Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

The 27-year-old Zvonareva, who hit a total of seven

double faults in the first set, used an array of deep returns to attack Kvitová's backhand side as she fought back.

"I don't even remember that I was 5-1 down in the first set. I wasn't really thinking about it at all. I was trying to find my rhythm and I couldn't find it in the beginning," said Zvonareva, ranked number four in the world.

MLB playoff schedule

American League

DETROIT V NEW YORK YANKEES

Friday: Detroit at New York Yankees
Saturday: Detroit at New York Yankees
October 3: New York Yankees at Detroit
October 4: New York Yankees at Detroit
October 6: Detroit at New York Yankees

TAMPA BAY V TEXAS

Friday: Tampa Bay at Texas
Saturday: Tampa Bay at Texas
October 3: Texas at Tampa Bay
October 4: Texas at Tampa Bay
October 6: Tampa Bay at Texas

National League

ST. LOUIS V PHILADELPHIA

Saturday: St. Louis at Philadelphia
Sunday: St. Louis at Philadelphia
October 4: Philadelphia at St. Louis
October 5: Philadelphia at St. Louis
October 7: St. Louis at Philadelphia

ARIZONA V MILWAUKEE

Saturday: Arizona at Milwaukee
Sunday: Arizona at Milwaukee
October 4: Milwaukee at Arizona
October 5: Milwaukee at Arizona
October 7: Arizona at Milwaukee